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In re application of : Confirmation No. 1705
Tadashi Fujii et al. : Docket No. 2001-0116A
Serial No. 09/762,230 : Group Art Unit 1652
Filed February 5, 2001 : Examiner C. Fronda

GENE PARTICIPATING IN THE
PRODUCTION OF HOMOGLUTAMIC
ACID AND ITS USE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10. Applicants also provisionally elect the specie of SEQ ID No. 2 encoding piperidine-6-carboxylic acid dehydrogenase, as per the Examiner's request. It is noted that this election is made by the Applicants while retaining their right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter with the protection afforded by 35 USC § 121.

Applicants also reserve the right to request rejoinder of non-elected claims 11-15 with the elected claims of Group I under *In re Ochiai* upon allowance of the elected claims.

Claims 11-15, directed to non-elected subject matter, remain in the application. It is requested that they be permitted to remain in a dormant condition pending the filing of a divisional application.

The Examiner accordingly is requested to proceed with an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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